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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-37 were pending in the application, with claims 34-37 being withdrawn. To facilitate allowance of the application, claims 34-37 are cancelled with this Amendment.

Independent claim 27 is amended to include subject matter that has been found allowable by the Examiner, and new claims 38-41, which depend from claim 27, are added to protect additional features of the invention. Support for the claim amendments is found at least in the original claims and paragraphs [0030] to [0038], and no new matter is added. The claims amendments are intended to place the case in condition for allowance without raising new issues. With this in mind, Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the claim amendments.

After entry of the Amendment, claims 1-33 and 38-41 remain in the application for consideration by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 1-26 were found to contain allowable subject matter and were allowed by the Examiner.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action mailed September 8, 2005, the rejection of claims 27-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102 based upon Essbaum (U.S. Pat. No. 5,814,846) was maintained. This rejection is respectfully traversed based on the claim amendments and the following remarks.

Independent claim 27 is amended to include limitations that are believed to include allowable subject matter. The Examiner in the September 8, 2005 Office Action explained the reasons for allowing independent claims 1 and 16. Further, the Examiner explained why claim 27 (as it read prior to the present amendment) was rejected based on Essbaum.

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Claim 27 is amended to take a form similar to that of claims 1 and 16 with first and second library portions. Each of these library portions is believed to have been amended to include allowable subject matter as discussed at pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action while also providing Applicant with additional and/or varying coverage for embodiments of his invention. Hence, claim 27 is not anticipated by Essbaum, and claim 27 and claims 28-33 and 38-41, which depend from claim 27, are believed in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

No fee is believed to be required by this response. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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